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Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Request for Filing a Patent Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) to Correct Inventorship where at least one of the Correct Inventors was named in the Prior Application

This is a request for filing a

- [X] continuation
- [] divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application serial no. 09/283,238, filed on April 1, 1999, entitled Instrument and Method for Digital Image Stabilization.

- 1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed and a new declaration executed by the two correct inventors.
- 2. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 [] is enclosed [] was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired [37 CFR 1.28(a)].

3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed in the prior application less any claims canceled by amendment below.

Fee	No.	filed	No.	extra		Rate	Fee		
Basic fee								\$7	10.00
Total claims	14	-20 =		0	x	18.00		\$	0
Independent claims	2	-3 =		0	x	80.00		\$	0
Multiple Dependent Claim presented			0	+	270.00		\$	0	
Total				-				\$7	10.00

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 15-0773 or credit any overpayment to said account:
 - [X] any patent application filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16;
 - [X] any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; and,
 - [X] any patent application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- 4. [X] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.
- 5. [X] The inventors being claimed in the application are:

 <u>Michael Claus and Karl-Heinz Eßwein</u>.
- 6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This is a continuation of application serial no. 09/283,238, filed April 1, 1999. --.
- 7. [X] Please abandon the prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

- 8. [X] New drawings are enclosed.
 - [X] formal drawings of FIGS. 1 and 2.
- 9. [X] Priority of application serial no. <u>198 14 951.4</u> filed on <u>April 3, 1998</u> in the <u>Federal Republic of Germany</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119.
 - [X] The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial no. 09/283,238, filed on April 1, 1999.
- 10. [X] A new assignment is enclosed duly executed by the correct inventors.
- 11. [X] The power of attorney is set forth in the new declaration executed by the two correct inventors and is to:

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- a. [X] The power also appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [X] Address all future communications to:

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- 12. [X] An information disclosure statement is enclosed.
- 13. [X] I hereby verify that the attached papers (specification and drawings) are a true copy of those of the prior application serial no. 09/283,238, as filed on April 1, 1999.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements

and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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